

TABLE B-109. Civilian unemployment rate, and hourly compensation, major industrial countries, 1986-2012

[Quarterly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or quarter	United States	Canada	Japan	France	Germany <sup>1</sup>	Italy	United Kingdom
Civilian unemployment rate (Percent) <sup>2</sup>							
1986 .....	7.0	9.2	2.7	9.0	6.6	7.5	11.4
1987 .....	6.2	8.4	2.6	9.2	6.3	7.9	10.5
1988 .....	5.5	7.4	2.4	8.9	6.3	7.9	8.6
1989 .....	5.3	7.1	2.2	8.3	5.7	7.8	7.3
1990 .....	<sup>3</sup> 5.6	7.7	2.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	7.1
1991 .....	6.8	9.8	2.0	8.2	<sup>3</sup> 5.6	<sup>3</sup> 6.9	8.9
1992 .....	7.5	10.7	2.1	9.1	6.7	7.3	10.0
1993 .....	6.9	10.8	2.4	10.2	8.0	<sup>3</sup> 9.8	10.4
1994 .....	<sup>3</sup> 6.1	<sup>3</sup> 9.6	2.6	10.8	8.5	10.8	9.5
1995 .....	5.6	8.6	2.9	10.2	8.2	11.3	8.7
1996 .....	5.4	8.8	3.1	10.7	9.0	11.3	8.1
1997 .....	4.9	8.4	3.1	10.8	9.9	11.3	7.0
1998 .....	4.5	7.7	3.8	10.4	9.3	11.4	6.3
1999 .....	4.2	7.0	4.2	10.1	<sup>3</sup> 8.5	11.0	6.0
2000 .....	4.0	6.1	4.4	8.6	7.8	10.1	5.5
2001 .....	4.7	6.5	4.5	7.8	7.9	9.1	5.1
2002 .....	5.8	7.0	4.9	8.0	8.6	8.6	5.2
2003 .....	6.0	6.9	4.6	8.6	9.3	8.5	5.0
2004 .....	5.5	6.4	4.2	9.0	10.3	8.1	4.8
2005 .....	5.1	6.0	3.8	9.0	<sup>3</sup> 11.2	7.8	4.9
2006 .....	4.6	5.5	3.6	8.9	10.3	6.9	5.5
2007 .....	4.6	5.2	3.6	8.1	8.7	6.2	5.4
2008 .....	5.8	5.3	3.7	7.5	7.6	6.8	5.7
2009 .....	9.3	7.3	4.8	9.2	7.8	7.9	7.7
2010 .....	9.6	7.1	4.8	9.5	7.1	8.5	7.9
2011 .....	8.9	6.5	4.2	9.4	6.0	8.5	8.1
2012 .....	8.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2011: I .....	9.0	6.7	4.4	9.2	6.2	8.1	7.8
II .....	9.1	6.5	4.3	9.2	6.0	8.1	7.9
III .....	9.0	6.3	4.0	9.3	5.9	8.6	8.3
IV .....	8.7	6.5	4.1	9.5	5.8	9.3	8.4
2012: I .....	8.2	6.4	4.2	9.7	5.7	10.1	8.2
II .....	8.2	6.4	4.0	9.9	5.7	10.6	8.1
III .....	8.0	6.3	3.8	10.0	5.8	10.7	7.9
IV .....	7.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing hourly compensation in U.S. dollars (Index, 2002=100) <sup>4</sup>							
1986 .....	53.8	64.5	48.5	54.1	46.2	61.2	41.9
1987 .....	55.6	69.2	58.2	64.7	58.3	75.9	51.5
1988 .....	57.5	78.0	67.2	67.6	62.1	81.2	59.0
1989 .....	59.3	84.9	66.1	66.7	61.0	85.0	57.5
1990 .....	62.1	91.8	67.2	81.8	76.3	104.8	70.3
1991 .....	65.8	100.0	77.1	83.5	78.9	110.0	79.0
1992 .....	68.9	99.4	84.8	93.5	92.1	118.0	79.0
1993 .....	70.5	94.2	99.5	91.1	92.3	96.3	69.4
1994 .....	72.2	91.5	110.2	96.4	98.5	99.1	72.4
1995 .....	73.4	93.3	123.8	110.6	117.7	103.6	76.1
1996 .....	74.6	95.3	108.0	109.7	117.3	115.6	74.9
1997 .....	76.5	95.3	100.3	99.5	103.5	109.6	82.5
1998 .....	81.2	94.0	95.0	99.3	103.9	105.9	89.4
1999 .....	84.8	96.1	109.3	98.4	101.8	103.4	93.1
2000 .....	91.3	99.0	114.6	89.7	92.7	92.1	91.4
2001 .....	94.8	97.6	102.9	89.3	92.7	92.1	90.2
2002 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2003 .....	108.0	115.8	105.7	122.8	122.2	124.3	115.2
2004 .....	108.9	129.0	112.0	139.3	135.0	141.5	135.6
2005 .....	112.5	145.3	108.3	144.4	136.7	145.8	141.9
2006 .....	114.8	163.1	100.9	151.4	143.4	150.3	152.4
2007 .....	118.5	177.4	99.4	168.5	157.9	168.5	170.8
2008 .....	123.5	181.6	117.2	185.8	174.0	189.1	163.3
2009 .....	128.6	171.9	129.8	183.6	171.7	184.8	142.2
2010 .....	130.0	185.9	136.9	178.0	160.8	180.3	147.5
2011 .....	133.5	198.1	154.0	191.7	172.6	193.5	156.4

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 1991 data are for West Germany only.

<sup>2</sup> Civilian unemployment rates, approximating U.S. concepts. Quarterly data for Germany should be viewed as less precise indicators of unemployment under U.S. concepts than the annual data.

<sup>3</sup> There are breaks in the series for Canada (1994), Germany (1991, 1999, and 2005), Italy (1991 and 1993), and the United States (1990 and 1994). For details, see *International Comparisons of Annual Labor Force Statistics, Adjusted to U.S. Concepts, 16 Countries, 1970-2011*, June 7, 2012, Appendix B, at [http://www.bls.gov/ilc/flscomparel/country\\_notes.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ilc/flscomparel/country_notes.htm).

<sup>4</sup> Hourly compensation in manufacturing, U.S. dollar basis; data relate to all employed persons (employees and self-employed workers). For details, see *International Comparisons of Manufacturing Productivity and Unit Labor Cost Trends, 2011*, December 6, 2012.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).